

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1271 – SB 1270

March 11, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes from on or before July 1 every year, to on or before February 1 every year, the deadline for the Board for Licensing Healthcare Facilities and the Emergency Medical Services Board, in collaboration with the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care, to submit a report on the current status of emergency medical services for children and on continuing efforts to improve such services, to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and Health and to the Health Committee of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004722, 004901): Amendment 004722 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines “community paramedic,” “community paramedicine,” and “mobile integrated health care”. Adds to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board the power, responsibility, and duty to establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5. Authorizes EMS personnel and physicians on the scene to provide mobile integrated health care by means of community paramedicine, including non-emergent care and transportation by ambulance, in addition to care that constitutes EMS as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-140-302.

Amendment 004901 adds language to require that any rules promulgated to implement the provisions of this legislation are to be provided to the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate by the Secretary of State, after approval by the Attorney General and Reporter, at the same time the text of the rules is made available to the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives for purposes of conducting the review required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-226 in order for the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate to be afforded the opportunity to comment on the rule.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

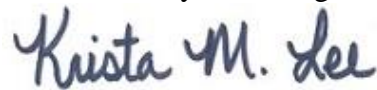
Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the EMS Board can establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules during regularly-schedule Board meetings within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities and the EMS Board are required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Boards. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the General Appropriations Act.
- Any change in expenditures of the Boards is estimated to be not significant.
- The Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities had a net surplus of \$401,492 in FY14-15 and a deficit of \$388,117 in FY15-16.
- The EMS Board had a net surplus of \$48,178 in FY14-15 and a deficit of \$75,077 in FY15-16.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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